

On motion of Mr. Shepard the bill granting 160 acres of land to the soldiers of Texas was made the special order for 7 o'clock P. M. and on motion the Senate adjourned until that hour.

7 o'clock P. M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. On motion Mr. Darden was excused from attendance on account of indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Durant, Mr. Shelley was added to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Upon a motion to lay on the table the report of the committee on the bill granting lands to the soldiers of Texas the yeas and nays stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Dickson, Durant, Graham, Houston, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—16.

NAYS — Messrs. Batte, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Erath, Finlay, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Jordan Lea, Mitchell, Scarborough, and Shepard—14.

Mr. Guinn offered the following amendment: "provided that the benefit of this act shall extend to all soldiers from any state of the Confederacy who may serve in Texas in case said state is invaded."

Mr. Selman offered the following amendment to the amendment: "provided the state from which said soldier may come will donate to our soldiers the same amount of money or property we give to theirs."

Mr. Casey offered a substitute for the bill and amendments, setting apart twelve million of acres of the public domain for the benefit of the soldiers of Texas in the present war.

On motion the bill, amendments and substitute were referred to Committee on Militia and Military Affairs.

Mr. Selman moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms have leave of absence for one week by leaving a deputy to perform the services of the office. Carried.

Mr. Hartley by leave introduced a bill to create a hospital fund to be expended for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers in the Confederate Army from the State of Texas. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Weatherford the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, November 22, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the

Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Reed, Chairman of the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, reported a bill to create the county of Kendall and change the boundaries of Blanco and Kerr Counties and recommended its passage.

Mr. Weatherford introduced a bill for relief of Honorable Nat M. Burford, Judge of the 16th Judicial District. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, Mr. Harcourt and Mr. Shelley were added to the Committee on the Court of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Branch, Mr. Cook was added to the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs, and on Mr. Weatherford's motion Mr. Burnett was added to the same committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Resolution to adjourn *sine die* on 16 December having been read Mr. Guinn moved to postpone until Saturday the 14th, December, upon which the yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Cook, Durant, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, and Shelley—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Erath, Finlay, Shepard, Weatherford, and Wheeler—12.

A bill to enable J. H. Saunders, guardian, &c., to remove the property of his wards from the State of Texas. Read 2nd time and passed to a 3rd reading.

A joint resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of a law to pay deputy marshals the balance due them for taking the census was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to amend the 3rd section of an Act to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the passage of the following Senate bills:

A bill to amend Article 284 of the Penal Code.

A joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint agents to receive and forward clothing and other necessities contributed for the soldiers of Texas and to prescribe their duties.

A House bill to amend the 10th and 23rd sections of an Act to reduce into one and to amend the several Acts concerning executions, passed January 27, 1842.

A bill making an appropriation of eight thousand dollars to defray the contingent expenses of the 9th Legislature.

A bill for the benefit of irrigable property. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of A. W. O. Hicks. Read 2nd time. Mr. Burnett offered the following amendment: strike out "1000" and insert "500." Laid on the table.

Mr. Burnett then moved to amend by deducting such sum as Judge Hicks received for him *per diem* as a member of the Convention. Mr. Finlay moved the previous question. The yeas and nays on the engrossment of the bill was then taken and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Erath, Finlay, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, Shepard, and Wheeler—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Dickson, Durant, Graham, Jordan, and Weatherford—9.

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, by leave reported a substitute for a bill to legalize the official acts of the civil officers of Newton County and recommended its passage.

A bill for relief of Charles Stillman. Read 2nd time. Report of committee recommending its rejection adopted.

A bill to procure the investigation of the rights of the State to the salt lake known as El Sal del Rey. Read 2nd time, substitute reported by Committee on State Affairs adopted and rereferred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to provide for the sale of certain property belonging to the State of Texas. Read 2nd time and on motion of Mr. Shelley laid on table.

Mr. Finlay offered the following resolution: "**Resolved** That the Governor be respectfully requested to have all powder now stored within the Capitol removed therefrom to the State Arsenal or other safe place remote from the Capitol." Adopted.

Mr. Erath offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Governor be requested to furnish the Senate all information in relation to treaties entered into with any Indian tribes near our frontier." Adopted.

On Mr. Shelley's motion Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, November 23, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the